

Good Medicine

News from the Heart of MDI Hospital

November 2022

... where the future of rural health care delivery is taking shape.

Welcome Dr. Lauren Manning, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist

Across the nation, healthcare systems have been experiencing shortages in behavioral health services, leading to long wait times and patients seeking care for behavioral health crises in Emergency Departments. During the pandemic, there has also been an increase in children and teens facing behavioral health challenges.

MDI Hospital has been actively seeking to address this serious increase in need for behavioral health services. As part of this ongoing initiative, Lauren Manning, MD has joined the MDI Behavioral Health Center as our first-ever Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist.

Raised in Glenmont, New York, Dr. Manning grew up hearing stories about her grandmother's upbringing in Houlton, Maine. She would often visit southern Maine's beaches on summer vacation and has always had a passion for the outdoors.

After completing her undergraduate coursework at Connecticut College in behavioral neuroscience, Dr. Manning enrolled in Tufts University School of Medicine where she participated in the Maine Track program. During her medical training, she completed a psychiatry residency and child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship at Maine Medical Center, and she says her experiences in this program only deepened her Dr. Lauren Manning, MDI Behavioral Health Center's first-ever love for Maine.

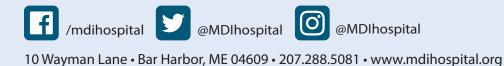


Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist

While she specializes in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Dr. Manning is able to assist patients of all ages, helping facilitate patients making sense of their experiences and finding their inner resilience. "The best part of my job is getting to know families over time, both accompanying them as they face challenges and celebrating with them as they reach their goals," said Dr. Manning.

Dr. Manning came to enjoy the Downeast region's hiking, camping, and ocean kayaking while living for eight years in Portland, Maine. When the opportunity arose at MDI Hospital, she knew MDI would be a great place to make home with her family. After her interview, Dr. Manning was very impressed by the hospital's patient-centered values and commitment to the community. "I was struck by the welcoming and collaborative spirit of the behavioral health center team," said Dr. Manning. "It is an honor to have the chance to live and work in the MDI community."

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Lauren Manning to Mount Desert Island Hospital and Health Centers!





29th Annual David R. Harding Memorial Golf Tournament Raises \$31,625



Bar Harbor Bank & Trust employees at the golf tournament registration table

Mount Desert Island Hospital has announced that the 29th Annual David R. Harding Memorial Golf Tournament sponsored by Bar Harbor Bank & Trust raised \$31,625 in support of the hospital's mission to provide access to high-quality, compassionate healthcare. More than 90 golfers participated in the golf tournament, which took place September 29 at Kebo Valley Golf Club in Bar Harbor.

For 28 years, Bar Harbor Bank & Trust organized the event as a tribute to longtime member and chairman of the board of Bar Harbor Bankshares, David R. Harding, in recognition of Mr. Harding's generous support of charitable organizations and his legacy of community involvement. After selecting MDI Hospital as the tournament's beneficiary in 2021, Bar Harbor Bank & Trust selected the hospital as the exclusive beneficiary of the tournament going forward.

MDI Hospital is honored to continue this long-standing tradition in partnership with Bar Harbor Bank & Trust. Proceeds from the tournament support the responsive healthcare MDI Hospital delivers to the Mount Desert Island region, from emergency, trauma, and surgical care to primary and specialty clinics.

Thank you to all the sponsors, donors, and players who made this year's tournament a success!



Golf carts line up at Kebo Valley Golf Club to begin the tournament

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Save the Date! 30th Annual David R. Harding Memorial Golf Tournament September 28, 2023

A Family's Generosity Provides a Special Opportunity This Giving Tuesday

Earlier this year, thanks to the generosity of the Rechholtz family, MDI Hospital purchased a new, state-of-the-art treatment chair for its Oncology Department. The chair, given in memory of Rosalie Rechholtz, allows patients to rest in comfort as they receive infusion therapy treatments at the hospital's Island Infusion Center.

"At a time in our patients' lives when challenges abound, some peace can be found in the little things," explained Joyce MacIntosh, RN, BSN, OCN, "and a comfortable reclining chair that warms and soothes is the least we can do."

The Island Infusion Center at MDI Hospital offers treatment for cancer, blood disorders, and a variety of acute and chronic conditions in a caring, comfortable atmosphere. The services provided at the Center are the result of a partnership between MDI Hospital and Northern Light Health's Cancer Care of Maine program. This collaboration ensures sophisticated, high-quality cancer care is available closer to home, saving patients from the inconvenience of traveling far for treatment.

"The new chair made an immediate difference and quickly became a favorite," Joyce continued. "It did not take long to realize that we could use another chair for our department."

This year on GivingTuesday—an annual day of giving that inspires and celebrates generosity across the globe—we are challenging our community to come together to help us meet a \$2,750 goal to purchase another new treatment chair for the Oncology Department. Thanks to a matching challenge grant from the Rechholtz Family, every dollar raised towards this goal will go twice as far!

"Our family personally understands the need to support the hospital's Oncology Department and we are honored to offer this challenge grant to help purchase another treatment chair," said Bob Rechholtz. "We are all so grateful to the Rechholtz family for this opportunity and for the incredible difference it will have on the patients we care for," stated Joyce.

Please join us during this season of giving to help make a difference in the lives of the patients we care for each and every day.



Joyce MacIntosh, RN, BSN, OCN expresses appreciation for a new, state-of-the-art treatment chair given in memory of Rosalie Rechholtz by the Rechholtz family. The chair has brought so much comfort to patients, the family has offered a challenge grant to help raise funds for a second chair.

GivingTuesday Matching Challenge

Double Your Donation on November 29, 2022!

Thanks to the generosity of the Rechholtz family, the first \$2,750 of donations received on GivingTuesday will be matched dollar for dollar. Donations received above this goal will support the greatest needs at MDI Hospital, helping support our mission of providing compassionate care to our community.



A Hand to Hold: Care in a Crisis

The past two years challenged our community with uncertainties that far surpassed anything previously thought possible. Since March 2020, we experienced lockdowns, masking, and social distancing-previously rare words that are now commonplace in our vocabulary. Despite everything, we managed to come together in creative, new ways and realized that sometimes, above all else, you just need someone to be there for you and hold your hand.

When Klair Moshier and her husband, Scott, walked through the doors of the Emergency Department at Mount Desert Island Hospital in December 2021, doctors were immediately concerned and tested Klair's oxygen COVID-19. They credit MDI Hospital for saving Klair's life. saturation levels. "Most people with normal



Klair and Scott Moshier of Gouldsboro share a moment following Klair's hospitalization for

lung function are operating somewhere around 98+ percent. She was 53 percent," noted Dr. Peter Ossanna, Chief of Medicine and Hospitalist who treated Klair. "She was critically ill."

Within 45 minutes of arrival, Klair was admitted and placed on a ventilator in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) with a severe case of COVID-19. Doctors were baffled as to how she even walked into the hospital of her own volition with some of the worst lungs they had ever seen. Scott also had COVID-19, but his symptoms were far less severe. Due to the strict visitation protocols in place at the time, Scott was sent home to recover while Klair remained hospitalized.

As he drove away, Scott was struck by the need to be near his wife. He told MDI Hospital staff that he couldn't just wait at home, so he turned around and came back. Scott spent all the time he could in his truck in the parking lot right



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outside Klair's window, where nurses would wave and assure him that she was in good hands.

In the ICU, Monica Theroux, RN was one of the nurses who cared for Klair. "She was really sick, and we were worried about her," recalled Monica. As one of the first COVID-19 patients that Monica had treated, she was concerned for her own health and safety as well, but she knew she couldn't show any of that to the patient. "You have to provide reassurance and make them feel safe."

Scott stayed in constant communication with Klair's nurses while he waited outside. "I would put the phone to Klair's ear and say, 'just talk, I don't know if she can hear you but she's here," recalled Lisa McLaggan, RN. "I told him, if you want to call



throughout the night, I'm here until 7 in the morning so call every couple of hours."

"You're here to be their support, not just medical, because it's not just medical that heals you," said Maddrey Coover, RN, BSN. "Especially with COVID-19 patients, that isolation creates a need for communication and connection."

Klair was ultimately on the ventilator in the ICU for five days. "It was a big wake up call for life in general and what's important. At the end of the day, it's who you're next to," said Scott.

"My nurses were the most amazing...I don't even call them people—they are angels on earth." Klair recalls only being able to see their eyes, but she remembers their stories and their kind words. "They would go above and beyond every single time. Just before they left my room, they would ask, 'is there anything else I can get for you or do for you?' And every time I said, 'would you just hold my hand?' They would come over to the bedside and I was so grateful. They never rushed. They were happy to sit and hold my hand. They would talk to me and tell me I was going to be ok."

"They saved my life. It's as simple as that. I'm here today because of MDI Hospital."

Klair and Scott both recovered from COVID-19 and continue to be monitored by the healthcare team at MDI Hospital.

Welcome, Heather D. Jones!

Heather D. Jones has joined the Office of Advancement in the role of Advancement Officer-Annual Fund. Heather moved to Mount Desert Island in 1997 where she quickly became involved in the community, cultivating and maintaining relationships with businesses, residents, and seasonal visitors. As Advancement Officer, Heather looks forward to engaging with the MDI community and MDI Hospital donors to help support the hospital's most pressing initiatives through the annual fund. Welcome, Heather!



Heather D. Jones joins the Office of Advancement as its newest member.



MDI Hospital's Business Friends Society recognizes the outstanding support of local businesses that give generously in support of our independent healthcare system here on Mount Desert Island. We are incredibly grateful for our Business Friends Society members who help make our cherished Downeast community the amazing place that it is to live, work, and play—thank you!

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The goal of MDI Hospital's Business Friends Society is to create a strong support system through collaboration and community as we continue to strive for success in our unique rural and seasonal environment. For information on how to join the Society, please contact giving@mdihospital.org, or visit www.mdihospital.org/giving/businessfriends

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Write a check. The easiest way to support MDI Hospital's immediate needs. To make it even easier, you can use the envelope included in this newsletter to make a gift today! Just make sure your gift is postmarked by December 31 for your gift to count for 2022.

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Leave a legacy: *Consider leaving a gift to MDI Hospital in your will.* If you believe in the importance of maintaining high-quality healthcare on Mount Desert Island but can't make a gift today, including a planned gift to MDI Hospital in your will or trust may be the donation option you've been looking for. As a member of our 1897 Society, you will help ensure that MDI Hospital is able to remain independent and here for future generations to come.

If you have questions about any of these gift options, or if you have already named MDI Hospital in your estate plans, please contact Ryann Grove, Associate Director of Advancement, at (207) 460-6150 or at ryann.grove@mdihospital.org

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Making An Impact

Because of your support in 2022, MDI Hospital was able to provide innovative, compassionate care to our community

6,333 Visits to the Emergency Room

1,516 Total Surgeries

61,440 Outpatient health center visits

137,090 Lab tests

4,126 Mammograms

There's still time to make an impact with your year-end gift today. Thank you for helping provide lifesaving healthcare to our Mount Desert Island community!